Federal Government Websites

<u>**General Information**</u>

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
(www.kdla.ky.gov)

Federal Government Information on KDLA's Website
(http://www.kdla.ky.gov/sgworker/fedgovdocs.htm)

Locate a Federal Depository Library
(http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp)

Government Information Online (GIO): Ask a Librarian
(http://131.193.153.128)
Through Government Information Online (GIO) you can ask government information librarians who are experts at finding information from government agencies of all levels (local, state, regional, national international) on almost any subject from aardvarks to zygomycosis.

Hiding in Plain Sight: Why Important Government Information Cannot Be Found Through Commercial Search Engines / Center for Democracy & Technology
(http://www.cdt.org/righttoknow/search)

FEMA.gov (http://www.fema.gov) the primary mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the Nation from all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, by leading and supporting the Nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.

FEMA Map Service Center (http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/mscjumppage.shtm) the official government distribution center for digital and paper flood hazard mapping products created by FEMA in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Administration for Families & Children (http://www.acf.hhs.gov) is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

Google U.S. Government Search (http://www.google.com/ig/usgov) Search for US federal, state and local information.

Flickr: Photos and Videos Available from the Library of Congress
(http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress) 3,100 photos available free of charge with no known copyright restrictions from the Library of Congress' Collection.

USA.gov (http://www.usa.gov) the "Official Portal to the U.S. Government" with contact information for elected officials and an A-Z index of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies.

USA.gov Cross Agency Portals
(http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Cross_Agency_Portals.shtml) Cross-agency portals are gateways that gather federal information and services from multiple agencies, about a particular topic, or for a specific customer group.

U.S. Government Manual (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html) provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. It also includes information on quasi-official agencies, international organizations in which the United States participates, and boards, commissions, and committees.

Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Reading Room
(http://www.loc.gov/rr/print)

Business

Business.gov (http://www.business.gov) provides a one-stop, common access point for Federal Government services and information needed to assist with starting, running, and growing a business.

Small Business Administration (http://www.sba.gov) contains small business statistics, business laws and regulatory assistance, and economic data including state economic profiles.

IRS Small Business Resources (http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small) offers tax information for small businesses and self-employed individuals.

OSHA Small Business (http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/smallbusiness/index.html) provides access to the most popular materials for small businesses, from free on-site consultation to interactive computer software to technical information to easy-to-follow guides for specific OSHA standards. It also includes links to OSHA local offices.

Grants.gov (http://grants.gov) find information on over 1,000 grant programs and apply for grants.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html) government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the American public. Contains financial and nonfinancial assistance programs administered by departments and establishments of the Federal government.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (http://www.uspto.gov) search for patents and trademarks, find information on patents and trademarks, and information on laws and regulations. (The Louisville Free Public Library is Kentucky's Patent and Trademark Federal Depository Library - http://www.lfpl.org/includes/Inventors.htm).

U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division (http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd) responsible for administering and enforcing some of our nation's most comprehensive labor laws, including: the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) with a compliance guide available at (http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/whd/1421.htm).

U.S. Census Bureau (http://www.census.gov) provides demographic and socioeconomic data, including historical data.

Economic Census (http://www.census.gov/econ/census02) business data with geographic area series with state reports including metro area, county and city data.

NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) (http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html) developed as the standard for use by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the collection, analysis, and publication of statistical data related to the business economy of the U.S.

Consumers

Consumers.gov (http://www.consumer.gov) portal to information on food, product safety, health, home & community, money, transportation, children, careers & education, technology, and much more.

Household Products Database (http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/products.htm) provides information on ingredients of household and lawn and garden products, about potential health effects, and about safety and handling.

Recalls.gov (http://www.recalls.gov) find information on recalls and product safety.

GovBenefits.gov (http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits_en.portal)partnership of many Federal agencies and organizations with information on over 1,000 benefit and assistance programs.

THOMAS (http://thomas.loc.gov) Congressional Record, history of bills and Public Laws from 93rd congress to 110th and house and senate reports from 104th congress to 110th and much more.

Teachers

FREE (Federal Resources for Educational Excellence) (http://free.ed.gov) teaching and learning resources from federal agencies.

GEM (Gateway to Education Materials) (http://www.thegateway.org) lesson plans, assessment and professional development information and much more from federal agencies and other sources.

Selected Historical Decennial Census Population and Housing Counts (http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html), scanned images (PDF) of historical census reports back to 1790 from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Federal Register (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html)
from Government Printing Office (GPO) Access scanned images of the federal register from 1994 to the present.

Regulations.gov (http://www.regulations.gov) search, view, and comment on proposed Federal regulations from approximately 160 Federal Departments and Agencies.

Parents

Healthfinder (http://www.healthfinder.gov) resource for finding government and nonprofit health and human services information on the Internet with links to selected information and Web sites from over 1,500 health-related organizations on topics from alternative medicine to Medicaid and Medicare to locating a nursing home.

Medline Plus (http://medlineplus.gov) from the National Library of Medicine (http://www.nlm.nih.gov) with information on over 700 diseases and conditions, lists of hospitals and physicians, a medical encyclopedia and a medical dictionary, health information in Spanish, extensive information on prescription and nonprescription drugs, and links to thousands of clinical trials.

GPO Access (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html) from the Government Printing Office (GPO) "provides free electronic access to a wealth of important information products produced by the Federal Government. The information provided on this site is the official, published version." Also includes the Catalog of Government Publications at http://catalog.gpo.gov/F?RN=363757488.

Medicare.gov (http://www.medicare.gov/default.asp) access to medicare information plus hospital and nursing home compare features.

American FactFinder (http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en), search for population, housing, economic, and geographic data.

Kids

Kids.gov (http://kids.gov) "Official Kids' Portal for the U.S. Government"

Students.gov (http://students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/index.jsp) information on planning for college, preparing for college, careers, military service, travel, and much more.

U.S. Department of Labor CareerOneStop (http://www.careeronestop.org) explore careers, find salary and benefits information, resume and interview techniques, and search for jobs.

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook (http://www.bls.gov/OCO) find necessary training and education, earnings data, expected job prospects, working conditions and much more for hundreds of different jobs.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Career Information (http://www.bls.gov/k12) explore hundreds of different careers based on interests.

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government (http://bensguide.gpo.gov) from GPO with information on how the government works, how to use GPO access to find government information, and links to federal agencies' kids pages

FedStats the "Gateway to Statistics from over 100 federal agencies" (http://www.fedstats.gov) access official statistics collected and published by more than 100 Federal agencies.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) (http://www.nass.usda.gov) agricultural statistics, including farm, livestock, and crop data and the Census of Agriculture.

Interested in Learning More?

Federal Depository Library Desktop
(http://www.fdlp.gov)

Federal Depository Library Program History
(http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/history/index.html)

WebJunction: an Online Community for Library Staff / Government Information in the 21st Century (http://webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=14562)

A continuing education program to train reference and public services librarians and library workers in the use of government information.

More Federal Government Websites at http://del.icio.us/kdlagovdocslibrarian